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Wilkes

Assistant/Associate Professor of Africana Studies & Coordinator, Africana Studies Minor

Wilkes University is an independent, comprehensive university dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts, sciences, and selected professional programs. The University has approximately 2,000 students at the undergraduate level and 1,500 full time equivalent students at the graduate and first professional levels.

Wilkes University invites applicants for a tenure-track assistant or associate professor of Africana Studies and coordinator of the Africana Studies minor. As the inaugural coordinator, the successful candidate will have a unique opportunity to provide crucial guidance and leadership for this new minor program.

The successful candidate will serve as coordinator of the Africana Studies Minor and offer courses that serve the minor. The coordinator will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the program, including: working with University Chairs to engage instructors to teach courses that serve the program and encouraging the development of new courses. Additionally, the Coordinator will oversee program assessment and review of curriculum. The coordinator will also be responsible for publicizing the minor and recruiting students, advising and mentoring minors in the program, engaging in outreach to student organizations, and helping to facilitate extracurricular and co-curricular programs.

The successful candidate will have expertise in Africana Studies or a related discipline and will be able to teach required courses for the minor, including Introduction to Africana Studies. The coordinator will also contribute other courses that serve the minor and should have a high level of competence in at least one of the following areas as they relate to Africana Studies: (1) History, (2) Literature and the Arts, or (3) Social Theory (broadly understood to include the contributions of disciplines such as sociology, anthropology, philosophy, psychology, etc.). The coordinator will join the Academic Department or Division most appropriate to their particular area of specialization and will report to the Chair of this unit. A Ph.D. in an appropriate discipline in hand by the time of appointment is required. This is a 9-month position with a half-time

teaching component and an additional summer stipend. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Position will begin August 2025.

The University is located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, a revitalized city that is located on the lovely Susquehanna River and is within two and one-half hours driving distance of New York City and Philadelphia. Its institutional focus is on developing strong mentoring relationships with each of its students and contributing vitally to economic development of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

To apply, visit <https://wilkesuniversitycareers.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. Please be sure to include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and three references. Review of applications will begin December 1st and continue until position is filled.

Wilkes University is constantly seeking to become a more diverse community and to enhance its capacity to value and capitalize on the cultural richness that diversity brings. The University strongly encourages applications from persons with diverse backgrounds. Wilkes University does not discriminate in its employment practices or in its educational programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, pregnancy, sex/gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, marital or family status, military or veteran status, or genetic information.